



## **WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**JANUARY 11, 2022**

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 5:35 pm, via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Amy Robichaud, Co-Chair  
Haida Antolick  
Jyotika Dangwal  
Anita Fellman  
Nazma Lee  
Serena Mohammed  
Andaleeb Morales  
Essya Nabbali  
Farron Rickerby-Nishi  
Sairoz Sekhon  
Cayleigh Shiff  
Cindy Switzer  
Andrea Thompson

**ABSENT:** Elizabeth Samuels (Medical Leave)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Therese Boullard, EDI Consultant, Equity Office, Staff Liaison  
Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, Vancouver School Board Liaison  
Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison  
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Council Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

### **WELCOME**

The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order and acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### **Leave of Absence Requests**

None.

## **1. Chair/Vice-Chair Election**

The Committee agreed to have Co-Chairs positions rather than Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

MOVED by Jyotika Dangwal  
SECONDED by Essya Nabbali

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee appoints Amy Robichaud to serve as Co-Chair until November 6, 2022;

FURTHER THAT the nomination for the other Co-Chair position remain open.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the proceedings, Amy Robichaud assumed the role of Co-Chair.*

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## **2. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Cayleigh Shiff  
SECONDED by Andrea Thompson

THAT the Committee approve the minutes of November 9, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. Ice-Breaker Activity and Welcome New Member**

The Committee welcomed its newest member and participated in an activity to get to know each other better.

## **4. Reviewing Co-Created Commitments**

The Co-Chair discussed the co-created commitments made by the Committee in June 2021. She agreed to share the document with the Committee to ensure that all members have it to work with and guide Committee work.

## **5. Reviewing Requests to Present to the Committee**

The Committee discussed approving requests to present to the Committee, either by City staff or external organizations.

The Committee agreed to ask presenters to send their presentation and/or key points to the Committee a week before the meeting and also submit the questions they are requesting the Committee to focus on.

MOVED by Cayleigh Shiff  
SECONDED Nazma Lee

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approve the request for a staff presentation at a future meeting, regarding the City's Transport Pricing Study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee discussed potential presentations for 2022. Therese Boullard, Staff Liaison agreed to follow-up on providing a presentation to the Committee at their March meeting regarding a status update on the Gender Equity Strategy.

The Committee also agreed to invite a representative from the \$10aDay Child Care campaign to their April working session.

## 6. Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed the 2022 meeting schedule and agreed to discuss organizing additional working sessions via Zoom throughout the year.

MOVED by Jyotika Dangwal  
SECONDED by Cayleigh Shiff

THAT the Women's Advisory Committee approves the 2022 meeting schedule, including regular and working session meetings, as set out below:

Month	Day	Time	Meeting Type
January	11	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting
February	15	5:30 pm	Working Session
March	29	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting
April	19	5:30 pm	Working Session
May	24	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting
June	14	5:30 pm	Working Session
July	12	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting
September	13	5:30 pm	Regular Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7. Work Plan Updates

Committee members agreed to vote on the approval of the Work Plan at the March 29, 2022, meeting.

## **8. Liaison Updates**

The Committee's Liaisons provided the updates below and responded to questions.

Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison, noted the City appointed Lisa Southern as the new Integrity Commissioner.

Councillor De Genova, Council Liaison, discussed her past motion entitled "Childcare that Works: Extended Hour and Around-the-Clock Childcare for Working Families in Vancouver", and noted she spoke with the Committee's Childcare subcommittee.

Trustee Lois Chan-Pedley, Vancouver School Board Liaison, noted the School Board would be approving the Education Plan in the near future. She also noted Helen McGregor was appointed as the Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver School Board.

## **9. Subcommittee Memberships**

The Chair discussed Subcommittee memberships and members were given the opportunity to change or join subcommittees.

## **10. Subcommittees Updates**

The Committee received the following subcommittee updates:

### ***City Planning Subcommittee***

Nazma Lee noted the subcommittee is in the phase of information gathering.

### ***Creating Safety Subcommittee***

Farron Rickerby-Nishi noted the subcommittee is in the phase of information gathering and outreach and are compiling a resource list of organizations.

### ***Childcare and Support for Caregivers Subcommittee***

Jyotika Dangwal noted the Committee met with Sharon Gregson, \$10aDay Child Care campaign representation and Councillor De Genova, for a brainstorming session. She noted the next step will be to meet with City staff in February.

### ***City Responses to Public Health Crisis Subcommittee***

None.

## **11. New Business**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Haida Antolick  
SECONDED by Cayleigh Shiff

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2022  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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